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By: **The Speaker (By Request - Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission Report**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an alteration to the compensation of the members of
4 the Judiciary in this State, pursuant to Section 1-708 of the Courts and Judicial
5 Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

6 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article
7 of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a seven-member Judicial
8 Compensation Commission appointed by the Governor with two members appointed
9 on nomination of the President of the Senate, two members appointed on nomination
10 of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one member appointed on nomination of the
11 Maryland State Bar Association, and two members appointed at large. The Judicial
12 Compensation Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the
13 nomination of the President of the Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck;
14 appointments made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates:
15 Laurence Levitan and Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.; appointment made on the nomination
16 of the Maryland State Bar Association: J. Michael Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large:
17 Annette J. Funn and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected
18 Laurence Levitan Chairman; and

19 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
20 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
21 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary
22 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
23 judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
24 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
25 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
26 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2005 through 2008. Should the
27 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of
28 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2005 through 2008
29 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

30 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in
31 October and December 2003. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of
32 judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of five or more of its members has
33 recommended judicial salaries for fiscal years 2005 through 2008; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
 2 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
 3 beginning July 1, 2004, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

4 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
5 Court of Appeals		
6 Chief Judge	150,600	155,100
7 Associate Judge	131,600	136,100
8 Court of Special Appeals		
9 Chief Judge	126,800	130,550
10 Associate Judge	123,800	127,550
11 Circuit Courts		
12 Judge	119,600	122,600
13 District Court		
14 Chief Judge	123,800	127,550
15 Associate Judge	111,500	113,750;

16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2005, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

18 Position	Proposed Salary
19 Court of Appeals	
20 Chief Judge	162,600
21 Associate Judge	143,600
22 Court of Special Appeals	
23 Chief Judge	136,800
24 Associate Judge	133,800
25 Circuit Courts	
26 Judge	127,600
27 District Court	
28 Chief Judge	133,800
29 Associate Judge	117,500;

30 and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2006, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

32 Position	Proposed Salary
33 Court of Appeals	
34 Chief Judge	171,600
35 Associate Judge	152,600
36 Court of Special Appeals	
37 Chief Judge	144,300
38 Associate Judge	141,300
39 Circuit Courts	
40 Judge	133,600
41 District Court	
42 Chief Judge	141,300

1 Associate Judge 122,000;

2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2007, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

4 Position	Proposed Salary
5 Court of Appeals	
6 Chief Judge	180,600
7 Associate Judge	161,600
8 Court of Special Appeals	
9 Chief Judge	151,800
10 Associate Judge	148,800
11 Circuit Courts	
12 Judge	139,600
13 District Court	
14 Chief Judge	148,800
15 Associate Judge	126,500.

16 For fiscal year 2005, these salaries include any general salary increase
17 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
18 Article.